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SUBJ: SOVIET COMPLAINT CONCERNING DEMONSTRATION AT SMUN
ON MARCH 30, 1976

1. WE HAVE RECEIVED OFFICIAL NOTE FROM SOVIET MISSION,
DATED MARCH 31, 1976, COMPLAINING ABOUT DEMONSTRATION
CONDUCTED OUTSIDE SOVIET MISSION ON MARCH 30, 1976.
INFORMAL TRANSLATION OF TEXT OF NOTE IS AS FOLLOWS:

QUOTE:

INFORMAL TRANSLATION, SOVIET MISSION NOTE \$225 TO USUN,
3/31/76

"THE PERMANENT MISSION OF THE UNION OF SOVIET SOCIALIST REPUBLICS
TO THE UNITED NATIONS DRAWS THE ATTENTION OF THE UNITED
STATES PERMANENT MISSION TO THE UN TO THE FOLLOWING.

"FROM 7:40 P.M. TO 10 P.M. ON MARCH 30, 1976, A CROWD OF
HOOLIGANS, FULL OF ANIMOSITY, COMMITTED OUTRAGES NEAR
THE BUILDING OF THE USSR MISSION TO THE UN AT 67TH STREET
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AND THIRD AVENUE. JUDGING BY THEIR HYSTERICAL SHRIEKS

AND THE NATURE OF THE EMBLEMS AND PLACARDS WHICH THE HOLLIGANS BRANDISHED, THEY WERE ACTING ON BEHALF OF A NUMBER OF AMERICAN ZIONIST ORGANIZATIONS. MEMBERS OF THIS MOB INFRINGED ON THE PERSON AND DIGNITY OF USSR MISSION EMPLOYEES, SCREAMED INSULTS AND AN OBSCENE OATH UNWORTHY OF CIVILIZED PEOPLE AND THREATENED THEM WITH PHYSICAL VIOLENCE. FOR EXAMPLE, THE PLACARD WHICH THE ZIONISTS BRANDISHED URGED "NO PEACE FOR SOVIET DIPLOMATS", "SPILL RUSSIAN BLOOD ON THE STREETS OF NEW YORK", "KIDNAP SOVIET DIPLOMATS AS HOSTAGES", ETC. NUMEROUS ORAL THREATS ALONG THESE SAME LINES WERE HEARD ADDRESSED TO SOVIET CITIZENS AND MEMBERS OF THEIR FAMILIES, INCLUDING WOMEN AND CHILDREN.

"DEMONSTRABLY HOSTILE ACTIVITIES OF A SIMILAR NATURE BY ZIONIST ELEMENTS OCCURRED AT THE BUILDING OF THE USSR MISSION ON MARCH 11, 12, 15, 21 AND 28, 1976.

"THE POLICE OFFICERS PRESENT AT ALL THESE OUTRAGES TOOK THE POSITION, IN SUBSTANCE, OF DETACHED OBSERVERS, TAKING NO STEPS TO STOP THESE INADMISSIBLY HOSTILE ACTIVITIES AGAINST THE USSR MISSION AND ITS PERSONNEL, DESPITE THE FACT THAT THEY HAD PRIOR INFORMATION ON THE PREPARATION OF THIS HOSTILE ACTION.

"THE USSR MISSION CONSIDERS IT AGAIN NECESSARY TO MAKE NOTE OF THE FACT THAT THE INACTIVITY OF THE OFFICIAL AMERICAN AUTHORITIES, WITH REGARD TO THESE CRIMINAL INFRINGEMENTS OF THE PERSON AND DIGNITY OF OFFICIAL REPRESENTATIVES OF A FOREIGN GOVERNMENT, IS A SCANDALOUS CONTRADICTION OF THE INTERNATIONAL OBLIGATIONS OF THE US CONCERNING THE GUARANTEE OF THE SECURITY OF FOREIGN DELEGATIONS AND THEIR PERSONNEL AND CREATING NORMAL CONDITIONS FOR THEIR WORK. FURTHERMORE, EVEN ACCORDING TO UNITED STATES LEGISLATION, PARTICULARLY UNDER THE PROVISIONS OF THE 1972 ACT FOR THE PROTECTION OF FOREIGN OFFICIALS AND OFFICIAL GUESTS OF THE UNITED STATES, THE AMERICAN AUTHORITIES ARE OBLIGED TO TAKE ALL NECESSARY MEASURES TO MAKE ANSWERABLE ANY PERSON "WHOEVER WILLFULLY INTIMIDATES, COERCES, THREATENS, OR HARASSES A FOREIGN OFFICIAL OR AN OFFICIAL GUEST, OR WILLFULLY OBSTRUCTS A FOREIGN OFFICIAL

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IN THE PERFORMANCE OF HIS DUTIES" BEGIN BRACKETS UNITED STATES CODE, SECTION 112, TITLE 18, PARAGRAPH "B" END BRACKETS.

"IN THIS CONNECTION, THE USSR MISSION CANNOT BUT STATE THAT, TO THE PRESENT TIME, AMERICAN CITIZENS WHO HAVE TAKEN PART IN VARIOUS KINDS OF CRIMINAL-HOSTILE ACTIONS AGAINST SOVIET CITIZENS AND OFFICIAL INSTITUTIONS IN NEW YORK, INCLUDING ACTS HAVING AN OBVIOUSLY TERRORIST CHARACTER, HAVE

NOT BEEN MADE ANSWERABLE AND CONTINUE TO REMAIN UNPHNISHED.

"IN THE LIGHT OF ALL THIS, IT IS PERFECTLY OBVIOUS THAT AN ESCALATION HAS RECENTLY BEEN TAKING PLACE OF HOSTILE-CRIMINAL ACTIONS BY ZIONIST ELEMENTS AGAINST THE USSR MISSION TO THE UN AND OTHER SOVIET INSTITUTIONS IN NEW YORK AND THEIR PERSONNEL AS A DIRECT RESULT OF THE INACTIVITY AND ENCOURAGING PERMISSIVENESS OF THE OFFICIAL AMERICAN AUTHORITIES.

"THE USSR MISSION TO THE UN, IN LODGING THE STRONGEST PROTEST WITH THE US MISSION TO THE UN, AGAIN REPEATS ITS DEMAND THAT THE APPROPRIATE AMERICAN AUTHORITIES FINALLY BEGIN TO FULFIL THE INTERNATIONAL OBLIGATIONS UNDERTAKEN BY THE UNITED STATES AND TAKE ALL NECESSARY MEASURES FOR THE CESSATION AND PREVENTION OF ALL HOSTILE ACTIONS AND TO HAVE SECURED APPROPRIATE CONDITIONS FOR THE NORMAL WORK OF THE USSR MISSION TO THE UN AND ITS PERSONNEL."

"NEW YORK, MARCH 31, 1976"

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